



February 27, 2009

The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
5914 Main Street
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330

Re: Shore Memorial Hospital Appropriation Request

Dear Mr. LoBiondo:

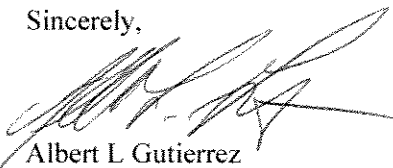
Shore Memorial Hospital has submitted the attached appropriation request for fiscal year 2010 to Senators Lautenberg, and Menendez.

As you are aware, Shore Memorial Hospital is committed to providing the residents of Atlantic and Cape May Counties with the finest and most compassionate care. Shore Memorial has embarked on an ambitious Master Campus Plan. Its centerpiece is the construction of a new Surgical Pavilion that will provide our residents with the most advanced technology and surgical experience possible. It will be built per LEED silver certificate standards. The overall cost of the Master Campus Plan is \$125,000,000, of which over \$76,000,000 is the cost of the Surgical Pavilion.

The Hospital is acquiring advanced digital cardiovascular, angiographic, and interventional imaging systems as part of the surgical pavilion project. These systems will enable cardiologists to clearly view inside the body while performing diagnostic procedures, and to treat potential coronary artery blockages that could cause heart attacks or other serious cardiovascular damage. It will enable physicians to visualize vascular detail through all body thicknesses and view fine vessel detail to the skin surface of the extremities. The detailed images produced enhance physicians' abilities to treat their patients using minimally invasive techniques in lieu of major surgery, thereby reducing healthcare costs. The total cost for these systems is \$2,118,000. Shore Memorial is requesting an appropriation of \$500,000 to acquire this system and provide our residents with this technology.

We value and appreciate your support of this request. Please do not hesitate to call me at (609) 653-3855 with any questions regarding this project. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Albert L Gutierrez
President & CEO

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